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*NEW-JERSEY,*

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened at TRENTON, on TUESDAY the twenty-fifth Day of OCTOBER, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING OF THE TENTH SESSION.

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T R E N T O N :

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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<i>Bergen,</i>	The Honourable	Peter Haring,	} Esquires.
<i>Effex,</i>		Matthias Ogden,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Samuel Randolph,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		David Forman,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Ephraim Martin,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		William Newbold,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Elijah Clark,	
<i>Salem,</i>		John Mayhew,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Elijah Hughes,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Robert-Lettis Hooper, <i>V. P.</i>	
<i>Morris,</i>		John-Cleves Symmes,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Samuel Ogden,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Robert Hoops,	

LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>	} Esquires.	Jacob Terhune,
		Abraham Blauvelt,
		Isaac Nicoll,
<i>Effex,</i>		Henry Garritse,
		Abraham Clark,
		Daniel Marth,
<i>Middlesex,</i>		John Combs,
		James Schuurman,
		James Bonney,
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Daniel Hendrickson,
		Elisba Walton,
<i>Somerset,</i>		Edward Bunn,
		Robert Blaire,
		David Kelley,
<i>Burlington,</i>		Richard S. Smith,
		Joseph Biddle,
		Joseph Smith,
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Joseph Ellis,
		Joseph Cooper,
		Thomas Clark,
<i>Salem,</i>		Thomas Sinnickson,
		Edward Hall,
		Anthony Sharp,
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Elijah Townsend,
		John Baker,
		Nezer Swain,
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Benj. Van-Cleve, <i>Speaker,</i>
		John Lambert,
		Joab Houghton,
<i>Morris,</i>		Ellis Cook,
		John Starke,
		Jacob Arnold,
<i>Cumberland,</i>		John Burgin,
		Jonathan Bowen,
		John Sheppard,
<i>Suffex,</i>		Aaron Hankinson,
		Charles Beardlee,
		Christopher Longstreet,





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STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

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*Tuesday, October 25, 1785.*

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T,

ELIJAH CLARK,  
ROBERT L. HOOPER,  
JOHN C. SYMMES,  
EPHRAIM MARTIN, } Esqrs.

SAMUEL RANDOLPH,  
DAVID FORMAN,  
WILLIAM NEWBOLD. } Esqrs.

Adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

*Wednesday, October 26, 1785.*

Members present, as of Yesterday, and John Mayhew and Samuel Ogden, Esquires.

Elijah Clark, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Gloucester, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Honourable John C. Symmes, Esquire, one of the Members returned for this House, and took his Seat in Council.

Robert L. Hooper, John C. Symmes, Ephraim Martin, Samuel Randolph, David Forman, John Mayhew, and Samuel Ogden, Esquires, severally produced Certificates of their being duly elected Members of this House, which were read; and they thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, and took their Seats in Council.

William Newbold, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a  
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Member of Council, for the County of Burlington, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Affirmations required by Law, being one of the People called Quakers, before the Honourable Elijah Clark, Esquire, and took his Seat in Council.

The Honourable John-Cleves-Symmes, Esquire, was elected Vice-President of the Council, pursuant to the Constitution; whereupon he took the Oath of Office, and was seated in the Chair.

Bowes Reed, Esquire, was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council, and took the Oath of Office accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, elected the Honourable John C. Symmes, Esquire, Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Robert Hoops, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council for the County of Sussex, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. A. Clark, in the Words following:

*Ordered*,  
 ' **T**HAT Mr. A. Clark do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day proceeded to Business, and have chosen the Honourable Benjamin Van Cleve, Esquire, their Speaker.'

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Morning

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

*Thursday, October 27, 1785.*

The House met—present as before, except Mr. Hooper.

Four Petitions from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, setting forth, that the Election lately held in the said County for Representatives, Sheriffs and Coroners, was illegal; and praying that the Election may be set aside, were read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petitioners be heard before this House, on Friday the fourth Day of November next, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Hendrickson, in the Words following:

*Ordered*,  
 ' **T**HAT Mr. Hendrickson do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House is ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor and other Officers of the State; and do propose that Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.'

*Ordered*, That Mr. Forman do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting To-morrow Afternoon, three o'Clock, at the House of Mr. Drake.

Mr. Forman reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met

Matthias Ogden, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Essex, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

John Mayhew, Samuel Ogden, Robert Hoops, and Matthias Ogden, Esquires, having given their several Reasons for their Non-Attendance this Sitting,

*Resolved*, That they are satisfactory.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, October 28, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

Two Messages from the House of Assembly by Mr. Walton, in the Words following:

*Ordered*,

**T**HAT Messrs. Bunn, Biddle, Houghton, R. S. Smith and Bowen, or any three of them, be a Committee for the present Session, to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; that the said Committee settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to such Committee of this House as may be hereafter appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the above Purpose.

*Ordered*,

**T**HAT Messrs. J. Smith, Sheppard and Lambert, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer; and that Mr. Walton do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met

Peter Haring, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Bergen, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

Mr. Haring having given his Reasons to the House for his Non-Attendance till this Day,

*Resolved*, That they are satisfactory.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, October 29, 1785.*

The House met—Present His Excellency the Governor, and as before.

Mr. Matthias Ogden has Leave of Absence until Tuesday next, on urgent Business.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Terhune, in the Words following:

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‘ THE Resolution of Congress directing Application to be made to the Executives of the several States for thirteen Copies of the Legislative Acts thereof since the first of September 1774, one Set to be retained for the Use of Congress, and one other Set for the Delegates of each State, exclusive of its own Acts, for the Use of the Legislature thereof, was read the second Time; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to purchase of Isaac Collins, Printer, thirteen Volumes of the last Edition of the Legislative Acts of this State, and forward the same to the Secretary of Congress, agreeably to, and for the Uses in their Resolution above-mentioned; and that the Treasurer pay for the same out of the publick Money in the Treasury; and that the Treasurer, for the Time being, be directed from Time to Time to forward to the Secretary of Congress the like Number of Acts of the Legislature of this State, as soon as the same shall be published; and that the Printer do print thirteen Copies of said Acts over and above the Number printed for the Use of this State.’

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Terhune do carry to the Council the above Resolution, and desire their Concurrence thereto.’

The Honourable John C. Symmes, Esquire, having Yesterday been appointed one of the Delegates to Congress, he this Day requested Leave to resign his Seat in this House; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That his Resignation be accepted.

*Ordered*, That the President do issue a Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of Morris County, requiring him to hold an Election for electing a Representative for the said County in this House, in the Room of Mr. Symmes.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing the Treasurer to purchase thirteen Volumes of the last Edition of the Legislative Acts of this State, for the Use of Congress and the different States,

*Resolved*, That the House concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Forman has Leave of Absence until Tuesday next, on urgent Business.

The House adjourned until Monday Afternoon three o’Clock.

*Monday, October 31, 1785.*

The House met

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. HARING,	Mr. HOOPER,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. NEWBOLD,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. S. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. MAYHEW.
Mr. HOOPS,	

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Saturday.

Elijah Hughes, Esquire, having been returned as a Member of this House from Cape-May, and declined taking his Seat,

*Ordered*, That the President do issue a Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of Cape-May, requiring him to hold an Election for electing a Representative for the said County in this House, in the Room of the said Mr. Hughes.

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The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, November 1, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Petition from the United Brethren settled at Hope, in the County of Suffex, praying the Privilege of taking an Affirmation instead of an Oath; and also an Exemption from Military Service, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Presbyterian Congregations of Somerset and Morris, praying a Law to incorporate them, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Garriffe, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Pitts-Grove, in the County of Salem,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Forman and Mr. M. Ogden came into Council.

Mr. Martin, with Leave of the House, presented a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees to the Presbyterian Congregation at Baskenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morris,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Honourable Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, was elected Vice-President of the Council, in the Room of the Honourable John-Cleves Symmes, Esquire, appointed a Member of Congress; and he thereupon took the Oath of Office, and was seated in the Chair.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden and Mr. Newbold, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the late Treasurer; and that Mr. Clark and Mr. Randolph, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Assembly to settle the publick Accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Marth, in the Words following:

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Messrs. Marth, Cook, Schuurman, Hendrickson and Combs, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, to determine the true Balance due to the State from John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, and to make a final Settlement with Mr. Stevens; and that Mr. Marth do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Forman and Mr. S. Ogden, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purposes mentioned in the foregoing Message; and that Mr. Haring wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning

*Wednesday, November 2, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Baskenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morris,'

‘ Morris,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pitts-Grove, in the County of Salem,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday.

The Petition from the United Brethren settled at Hope, in the County of Sussex, was read a second Time, and Leave given to bring in a Bill.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon,

The House met.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, November 3, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Combs.

‘ Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Messrs. R. S. Smith, Combs, Swain, Arnold, Walton, Sinnickson, Cooper and Burgin, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to deface, by making a Cross with a Pen on the Face of the Surplus-Certificates received by John Stevens, jun. and James Mott, jun. late Treasurers of this State, in Payment of Taxes, &c. and that Mr. Combs do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.’

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon,

The House met.

Mr. Schuurman, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, November 4, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House, pursuant to Order, went into a Hearing on the late Election held in the County of Monmouth: The Petitions were read a second Time, and the Complainants produced several Witnesses; but not having gone through,

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon,

The House met,

And proceeded to the further Hearing on the Monmouth Election; the Parties for and against the Election having gone through; on the Question, Whether the Facts set forth and proved in the said Petitions relative to the Conducting the said Election, are sufficient to vacate the Seat of the Member returned to this House? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. M. Ogden,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. S. Ogden.	

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

*Saturday, November 5, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before, except Mr. Forman.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Hoops and Mr. Martin, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of defacing the Surplus Certificates received by John Stevens, jun. and James Mott, jun. late Treasurers of this State, in Payment of Taxes, &c. and that Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation, at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pitts-Grove, in the County of Salem,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. Bunn, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, November 7, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Baskenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morris,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland,' was

was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Cooper, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for incorporating the Trenton School-Company, by the Name of “The Proprietors of the Trenton Academy;” which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. T. Clark, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Caleb Bruen, of the County of Essex,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Caleb Bruen, of the County of Essex,’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, November 8, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Caleb Bruen, of the County of Essex,’ and, after some Time spent thereon, the further Consideration thereof was postponed.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Hall, in the Words following:

‘*Ordered*,  
‘**T**HAT Mr. Hall do carry to Council the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for incorporating fundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Baskenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morris,’ and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Mr. Hall also brought to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the better Regulation of Juries;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House adjourned until three o’Clock To-morrow Afternoon, in order that the Committees may have Time to bring forward the Business committed to them.

*Wednesday,*



*Wednesday, November 9, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before, except the Governor.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Caleb Bruen, of the County of Essex;’ and, after some Time spent therein, on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Martin.	Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. S. Ogden,
	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hoops.
	Mr. Clark,	

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for incorporating the Trenton School-Company, by the Name of “The Proprietors of the Trenton Academy,”’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries,’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed until next Sitting.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, November 10, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before, and the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for incorporating the Trenton School-Company, by the Name of “The Proprietors of the Trenton Academy,”’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. S. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. M. Ogden has Leave of Absence until To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, and adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, November 11, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Ogden, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of “The City of Perth-Amboy,”’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hoops, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act

‘ to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Security, and  
 ‘ for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Sharp, in the Words following :

‘ **A** Petition of Robert Maxwell, of the County of Suffex, was presented  
 ‘ and read, setting forth, that he was appointed a Commissioner for  
 ‘ purchasing Clothing for the Use of the Troops ; that by Accident he received  
 ‘ a Hurt, which disabled him from executing the Business assigned him ; upon  
 ‘ which, by the Persuasion of some of the Members of the Legislature, his  
 ‘ aged Father undertook to do the same ; and in consequence thereof delivered to  
 ‘ the Use of the Army a considerable Quantity of Clothing and Blankets, to  
 ‘ the Amount of all the Money by him received ; but that the Vouchers proving  
 ‘ the same were burned by a Party of Men who broke into the House,  
 ‘ robbed and dangerously wounded the Petitioner and his said Father, for  
 ‘ which Crime two of the Offenders were condemned and executed ; that upon  
 ‘ the Settlement of his Accounts he could not, for the above Reasons, produce  
 ‘ Vouchers of Expenditures to the Amount of £. 44 17 5, which stands  
 ‘ charged against him ; for the Recovery whereof an Action, at the Suit of the  
 ‘ State, hath been commenced, and is now depending, praying that, on Account  
 ‘ of the Loss of Vouchers at the Time of the said Robbery, he may be discharged  
 ‘ from said Action ; whereupon the Facts set forth in the Petition being  
 ‘ ascertained as far as the Nature of the Case would admit, it was moved,  
 ‘ and thereupon

‘ *Resolved*, That Robert Maxwell be discharged from the afore said Balance  
 ‘ of £. 44 17 5, with which he now standeth charged to the State, upon his  
 ‘ paying the Costs accrued in the said Action against him—and that the Treasurer  
 ‘ be directed and required thereupon to withdraw the afore said Action  
 ‘ against the said Robert Maxwell.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Sharp do wait on the Council with the above Resolution,  
 ‘ and desire their Concurrence thereto.’

A Petition from Samuel Hilliard and others, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the said Hilliard to erect a Dam and Waterworks on the South Branch of Ancocas Creek, in the County of Burlington, was read, and thereupon

*Ordered*, That the said Samuel Hilliard have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to his Petition at the next Sitting of the Legislature, on his giving Notice of his Intention in the News-paper printed by Isaac Collins, and also in six of the most publick Places in the said County, by Advertisement, at least three Weeks previous to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting  
 ‘ the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the  
 ‘ same by the Name and Title of “ The City of Perth-Amboy,” ’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Baker, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of John Sparks,  
 ‘ late Commissioner of forfeited Estates in the County of Gloucester ; and  
 ‘ it appearing that said Sparks, out of the publick Money in his Hands, had,

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‘ in the Year 1780, purchased Supplies for the Army, by the Advice of the  
 ‘ then House of Assembly, for which he obtained, in his own Name, a Certi-  
 ‘ ficate from the Contractor of the said County, dated January 19, 1780, for  
 ‘ £. 3800, Continental Money.

‘ That the said Sparks, with Samuel Kaighn, the other Commissioner of said  
 ‘ County, stands charged in the Auditor’s Book with sundry Sums of Money,  
 ‘ for certain Lands by them sold to Persons who, it is alleged, had never  
 ‘ paid for, or obtained Deeds for the same, to wit,

‘ One Tract forfeited by Daniel Cozins, sold to James Tallman for £. 556.

‘ One forfeited by Joseph Long, sold to Thomas Hewit for £. 351.

‘ One forfeited by John Hinchman, sold to James Tallman for £. 401.

‘ One forfeited by said John Hinchman, sold to said James Tallman for  
 ‘ £. 1525.

‘ One forfeited by William Fufman, sold to Garret Covenor for £. 227.

‘ And one belonging to Abraham Fenimore, where no Inquisition was taken,  
 ‘ sold for £. 120.

‘ And whereas it appears by a Settlement made the 5th Day of June, 1784,  
 ‘ between the said John Sparks and Samuel Kaighn, under their Hands duly  
 ‘ attested; that said Sparks had in his Hands, and was accountable for  
 ‘ £. 42,940 8 3, Continental Money, and Samuel Kaighn for £. 36,988 10 6  
 ‘ of said Money; and that the aforesaid Lands are charged to said Samuel  
 ‘ Kaighn in the said Settlement; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed  
 ‘ and required to receive from said John Sparks, Esq. the Contractors’ Certifi-  
 ‘ cate above-mentioned, and credit him for the Amount thereof in Specie Va-  
 ‘ lue, in Part Payment of the Debt due from him to the State; and that the  
 ‘ Auditor be directed to examine into the Circumstances of the above-menti-  
 ‘ oned Sales; and if, upon such Examination, the Matters set forth as above  
 ‘ shall appear to be true, and that the said Tracts of Land, or either of them,  
 ‘ are in the same Situation as though no Sale had been made, and the Title  
 ‘ of the State thereto in nowise invalidated thereby, that the Auditor shall  
 ‘ thereupon certify the same under his Hand, with Regard to the Whole, or  
 ‘ either of the said Tracts, with the Amount of such Sale or Sales charged as  
 ‘ aforesaid; which Certificate the Treasurer for the Time being is hereby re-  
 ‘ quired to receive, and credit the Estate of the said Samuel Kaighn for the  
 ‘ same, in Part Payment of the Debt due from the Estate of Samuel Kaighn to  
 ‘ this State.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Baker do carry the foregoing to Council for Concur-  
 ‘ rence.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, November 12, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, November 14, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House adjourned until three o’Clock in the Afternoon, to go into a  
 Court of Errors.

The House met.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Lambert, in the Words following :

‘ THE Speaker laid before the House a Bond given by James Mott, Esq. Treasurer, in the Sum of £. 20,000, with Securities for the faithful Discharge of his Office ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the same is satisfactory to this House.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Lambert do carry the said Bond and Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.’

The House again went into a Court of Errors, and adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten o’Clock.

*Tuesday, November 15, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House went into a Court of Errors, and adjourned until three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Cook, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the three following Bills :

A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, and to confirm to him a Title to his Lands within the State of New-Jersey.’

A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act directing the Mode by which Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, may be sold for the Payment of Debts.’

A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of “ The City of Trenton,” and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years ;’

Which three several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House went into a Court of Errors, and adjourned till ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, November 16, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House went into a Court of Errors, and adjourned until three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Bond given by James Mott, jun. Esquire, as Treasurer,

*Resolved*, That the same is satisfactory ;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, November 17, 1785.*

The

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Hoops reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, and to confirm to him a Title to his Lands within the State of New-Jersey,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, and to confirm to him a Title to his Lands within the State of New-Jersey,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to discharging Robert Maxwell from the Payment of the Sum of £. 44 17 5;

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Starke, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the four following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware.’

A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick.’

A Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same.’

A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey, for three Years, unless sooner discharged.’

Which four several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Mayhew, from the Committee appointed on the fifth of this Instant, to deface the Surplus Certificates, informed the House he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

*Ordered*, That the said Report be made immediately; whereupon

Mr. Mayhew read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, which Report is in the Words following:

The Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to deface, by making a Cross with a Pen on the Face of the Surplus Certificates received by John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, and James Mott, junior, the present Treasurer, report as follows:

THAT the Auditor produced to the Committee a large Box, said to contain all the Certificates that were received from Mr. Stevens, which they opened; that they took out and defaced 13,800 Surplus Certificates in the Man-

ner above directed, being the Whole of that Kind therein contained, and delivered them again to the Auditor :

That among them they found 41, amounting to £. 1336 10 8 in Continental Money, and £. 206 6 7½ in Bills of Credit issued on the Faith of this State, which appear to have been received by Mr. Stevens without having been signed by any Collector or any other Person whatever, and one Promissory-Note from a certain Moses Munson to Benjamin Halcy, of the County of Morris, dated 21st April, no Year, for 1075 Dollars, which does not appear to have been given by any Publick Officer, or for any Publick Use ; the Propriety of receiving and defacing such Vouchers in Discharge of so much Money, we submit to the Determination of the Legislature :

That they also found in the said Box a large Number of Contractors and other Certificates, from the Commissary and Quartermasters' Departments, which they have bundled up and delivered to the Auditor, together with a Number of Books, said to contain an Account of Certificates received by the different Collectors :

That they conceive it would be proper to appoint a Committee to separate and report an Account of such as should be charged to the United States to the Legislature at their next Sitting :

That they have examined the Certificates in the Auditor's Office, which were received by him from Mr. Mott, the present Treasurer, and find they have all been endorsed, " examined and allowed—Samuel Tucker, James Ewing,"—which your Committee conceive will answer the Purpose designed by defacing in the Manner above directed :

That the Auditor has informed your Committee, that there are a Number of Certificates lodged in his Office by Contractors and others, the Property of the State, and which have never been cancelled, defaced or endorsed—which, not being within their Commission, they have not examined.

By Order of the Joint-Committee,

JOHN MAYHEW,  
R. S. SMITH.

The Council having taken the foregoing Report into Consideration,  
*Resolved*, That the House do approve thereof.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, November 18, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Arnold, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for transferring the Residue of the confiscated personal Property late of David Ogden, Esquire, and for the Relief of Persons liable to Fines and Forfeitures for concealing Debts and other Property forfeited to this State,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hoops, pursuant to Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren in this State, certain Privileges heretofore granted them by an Act of the Parliament of Great-Britain,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, ' into

‘ into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of “ The City of Perth-Amboy ;” and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of the 11th Instant, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Sparks, Esquire, a Contractor’s Certificate, and giving him Credit for other Matters,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein :

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Governor withdrew from Council.

Abraham Kitchel, Esquire, having produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Morris, the same was read ; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law before the Honourable Robert L. Hooper, Esquire, Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of “ The City of Perth-Amboy,” was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. S. Ogden,	Mr. Mayhew.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hoops.	
Mr. Newbold,		

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill :

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Burgin, in the Words following :

‘ THE Memorial of Cornelius Haring, Agent for confiscated Estates for the County of Bergen, praying that he may be authorized to draw from the Treasury a Sum of Money sufficient to employ Counsel to support and defend certain Actions in which he, as Agent in Behalf of the State, is concerned, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Cornelius Haring, or Order, any Sum not exceeding £. 50 for the Purpose aforesaid ; and the Receipt of the said Cornelius Haring shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for so much of the publick Money.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Burgin do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the said Resolution.’

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. M. Ogden has Leave of Absence until Monday next.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 19, 1785.

The

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. HARING,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. S. OGDEN,	Mr. MARTIN,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. HOOPS.
Mr. KITCHEL,	

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Cornelius Haring any Sum not exceeding £. 50, for the Purpose therein mentioned, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren in this State, certain Privileges heretofore granted them by an Act of the Parliament of Great-Britain,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock Monday Afternoon, in order to give the Committees Time to proceed on their Business.

*Monday, November 21, 1785.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

Mr. HARING,	Mr. MAYHEW,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. KITCHEL,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. S. OGDEN,	Mr. NEWBOLD.
Mr. RANDOLPH,	

Mr. Bowen, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October, 1785, and to end the 12th Day of October, 1786, and to raise the Sum of £. 10,000 for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, November 22, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren in this State, certain Privileges heretofore granted them by an Act of the Parliament of Great-Britain,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,*



*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Hankinson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hankinson also acquainted this House that the House of Assembly do not concur in the Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of “The City of Perth-Amboy.”’

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Security, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey, for three Years, unless sooner discharged,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Beardslee, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates of the County of Bergen, to sell, by publick Auction on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in this State, situate, lying and being, in the County of Bergen, Township of New-Barbados, and at the New-Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. M. Ogden came into Council.

Mr. Clark, with Leave of the House, presented a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to revive the Orphans Court, in the County of Gloucester,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for transferring the Residue of the confiscated Personal Property, late of David Ogden, and for the Relief of Persons liable to Fines and Forfeitures for concealing Debts and other Property forfeited to this State,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act directing the Mode by which Shares of Property,

'priety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, may be 'sold for the Payment of Debts,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of "The City of Trenton," and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years,' was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed until the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, November 23, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Security, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same:

*Ordered,* That Mr. Clark do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Vice-President came into Council.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for transferring the Residue of the confiscated Personal Property, late of David Ogden, Esquire,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Haring.
Mr. Raudolph,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. S. Ogden.	

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill:

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same:

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Newbold.
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. S. Ogden.	
Mr. Clark,		

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act directing the Mode by which Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, may be sold for the Payment of Debts,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to revive the Orphans Court in the County of Gloucester,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Longstreet, in the Words following:

THE Auditor appeared in the House, and reported the State of sundry Accounts, by which it appeared, that the Account of Peter Dumont, late Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of Somerset; the Account of Thomas Fenimore, as Agent for sequestered Estates in the County of Burlington; the Account of the said Thomas Fenimore, as a Commissioner for repairing the Gaol in the County of Burlington; and the Account of the Executors of Bodo Otto, Esquire, deceased, late Agent for the recruiting Service in the County of Gloucester, ought to stand balanced; to which the House agreed.

‘That there is a Balance due the State from Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster to the Militia in the County of Burlington, of £. 88 7 8, Specie.

‘From John Stillwell, as Agent for sequestered Estates in the County of Monmouth, of £. 106 9 6, Specie.

‘From Abraham Kitchel, Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of Morris, the Sum of £. 131 9 5, Specie. And,

‘From Cornelius Haring, Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of Bergen, the Sum of £. 143 6 8, Specie.

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer be directed to collect the same. And,

‘That there is due from the State to Joseph Ellis, Esquire, late Commissary and Paymaster to the Western Company of Artillery, the Sum of £. 7 17 7.

‘To Samuel Hugg, Esquire, late Commissary and Paymaster to Ditto, £. 186 15 11.

‘To Edward Dunlop, late Agent for the recruiting Service in Sussex, the Sum of £. 65 13 9.

‘To

‘ To Nathaniel Hunt, late Paymaster to the Militia in Hunterdon, the Sum of £. 1 19 10.

‘ To John Black, late Agent for the recruiting Service in Burlington, the Sum of £. 56 10 4.

‘ To John Stillwell, late Agent for forfeited Estates in Monmouth, the Sum of £. 73 12 8.

‘ To Jonathan Stiles, junior, late Paymaster to the Militia in the County of Morris, the Sum of £. 200 7 11.

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer do discharge the same.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Longstreet do carry the Accounts above referred to, and the above Resolutions, to the Council for their Concurrence.’

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. A. Clark, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to Persons employed in the General Hospital,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Blauvelt, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE Committee appointed to examine into the Demand of Robert Hoops, Esq. upon this State, and report their Opinion thereon, reported as follows :

‘ That they find that on the 11th Day of April, 1780, the United States drew a Warrant on the Treasurer of this State in Favour of Colonel Blaine for 1,077,333<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Dollars ; that Colonel Blaine endorsed an Order on the above Draught in Favour of Mr. Hoops for 250,000 Dollars, dated April 13, 1780 ; that Mr. Stevens, then Treasurer of this State, by Virtue of a Resolution of the Legislature for that Purpose, appears to have paid to Mr. Hoops 66,775 Dollars ; that for Reasons which do not appear to your Committee, the remaining 183,225 Dollars have never been paid ; whereupon

‘ *Resolved*, That upon the said Robert Hoops giving a Receipt to the Treasurer for the Sum of 183,225 Dollars with Interest, in Discharge of the above said Warrant, that the said Treasurer give unto the said Robert Hoops, Esq. a Certificate, certifying that the State of New-Jersey is indebted unto Robert Hoops, Esquire, in the Sum of £. 1305 4 6, which said Sum shall be paid unto the said Robert Hoops, Esquire, or Bearer, in Specie, with Interest at the Rate of Six per Centum per Annum, from the first Day of May in the Year 1780—and that the Auditor do countersign the same.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Blauvelt do carry the above Report and Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, November 24, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey, to serve for three Years, unless sooner discharged, was read a third Time ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphans Court in the County of Gloucester,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday and To-day.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Nichol, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the two following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade.'

A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt Meadow situate in the said County.'

Which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

*Friday, November 25, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before, except the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1785, and to end the 12th Day of October 1786, and to raise the Sum of £. 10,000 for the above Purpose,' &c. was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to Persons employed in the General Hospital,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates, of the County of Burlington, to sell, by public Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1786, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie,' &c. was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed till next Sitting.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Bonney, in the Words following:

'A Petition from Garret Hopper, of Bergen County, was laid before the House and read, setting forth, that he was indicted for a Misdemeanor, and fined in the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, State Money, for which

‘ he is now confined in the Gaol of said County, which fine he is utterly unable to discharge; but that his Friends have offered to advance in his Behalf the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence, in State Certificates, provided he can be released from said Fine and Imprisonment: And whereas it is certified from a Number of the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of the said County, that the above Sum is all the Petitioner’s Friends will advance on his Behalf, and that he is unable to pay any Part thereof without such Assistance; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That upon Condition any Person, in Behalf of the said Garret Hopper, shall pay into the Treasury of this State, in Notes given to the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line for the Depreciation of their Pay, or Notes given to the Militia of this State, the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence, with Interest thereon, from the Time the said Fine was laid, and also pay unto the Sheriff of said County, in State-Bills of Credit, in Circulation at the Time such Fine was laid, in their nominal Value, the Costs accrued on such Fine and Imprisonment, the said Garret Hopper shall thereupon, to all Intents and Purposes, be discharged from said Fine and Imprisonment, any Law, Usage or Custom, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Bonney do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The House having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution; on the Question, Whether the House concur therein? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. M. Ogden,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. S. Ogden.	Mr. Hopps.
Mr. Clark,		

Mr. Bonney also brought to this House the following Message:

‘ **M**R. Bowen having informed the House, at the Request of Colonel David Potter, that there are in his Possession a Quantity of Musket Cartridges in Boxes, the Property of the State; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That the said David Potter be empowered and directed publicly to advertise and make Sale of the same; and that he shall receive either Gold and Silver, or the Notes given to the Officers and Soldiers of this State, for the Depreciation of their Pay, or the Notes given to the Militia of this State in Payment; and that he render an Account of such Sales to this House at their next Sitting, with the Expences attending the same;

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Bonney do carry the above Resolution to Council, for Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House agree to the two foregoing Resolutions.

Mr. Blaire, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to call in all Contractors’ and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Blaire also acquainted the House that the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren in this State, the Privilege of being admitted to take an Affirmation instead of an Oath,’ was passed by the House of Assembly without Amendment. The

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt Meadow situate in said County,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed to examine into the Demands of Robert Hoops, Esquire, upon this State, with the Resolution accompanying the same, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, November 26, 1785.*

The House met—present as before, and the Governor.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Kelly, in the Words following :

‘*Resolved*,  
‘**T**HAT Benjamin Smith and Maskell Ewing, junior, be, and they hereby are appointed to examine the Contractors and other Certificates delivered by the Committee of both Houses to the Auditor on the 16th Instant; that they separate and take an Account of such as should be charged to the United States; and that they examine the Certificates lodged in the Auditor’s Office by the Contractors and others, and make Report thereon at the next Sitting, with an Account of their Time and Expences, for Approbation and Allowance.

‘*Ordered*, That Mr. Kelly do carry the said Resolution to the Council, for their Concurrence.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to call in all Contractors’ and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,’ was read a second Time, and several Amendments made thereto;

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third Time, with the Amendments.

Mr. J. Smith, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to the appointing Benjamin Smith and Maskell Ewing, jun. to examine Contractors’ Certificates, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Accounts reported by the Auditor, with the Resolutions accompanying the same from the House of Assembly of the 23d Instant,

*Resolved*, That the House do approve of the Statement of the said Accounts, and concur in the said Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of ‘ Pay, to Persons employed in the general Hospital,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Martin.	Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,
	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is negatived by this House.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Governor withdrew from Council.

Mr. S. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1785, and to end the 12th Day of October 1786, and to ‘ raise the Sum of £. 10,000 for the above Purposes,’ &c. was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of ‘ the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt Meadow situate ‘ in said County,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited ‘ Estates in this State,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. M. Ogden, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Treasurer’s Accounts, reported that the said Committee had met and stated the Accounts of the Treasurer, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be made immediately; whereupon

Mr. Ogden exhibited the Accounts of the Treasurer settled by the said Committee.

The Council having taken the said Accounts and Report of the Committee into Consideration,

*Resolved*, That the House approve thereof.

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The House adjourned until ten o'Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, November 28, 1785.*

The House met

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. KITCHEL,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. S. OGDEN,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. M. OGDEN.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State-Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' was read a third Time with the Amendments; on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haring do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Saturday and this Day.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House that the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphans' Court in the County of Gloucester,' was passed by the House of Assembly without Amendment.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon

The House met.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to call in all Contractors' and 'Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' with the Amendments made by this House;

Which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

Mr. R. S. Smith also brought to this House, for Concurrence, the following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize County Collectors, and the Treasurer of this State, to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes.'

A Bill, intituled, 'An Act incorporating the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State, for the Purpose of taking Titles for Lots of Land, on which the Courthouses, Gaols, and other publick Buildings belonging to the said respective Counties are built.'

A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for making Compensation to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay.’

Which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize County Collectors, and the Treasurer of this State, to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal Part of the Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for making Compensation to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act incorporating the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State, for the Purpose of taking Titles for Lots of Land, on which the Courthouses, Gaols, and other publick Buildings belonging to the respective Counties are built,’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof was postponed until next Sitting.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal Part of the Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for making Compensation to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, November 29, 1785.*

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize County-Collectors and the Treasurer of the State to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same:

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Hoops reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday and this Day.

Mr. Lambert, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The said Bill was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Sheppard, in the Words following :

*Resolved,*  
' **T**HAT the late Auditor of Accounts be directed to deliver the unsigned Surplus Certificates in his Possession to Mr. Stevens, he receipting for the Amount of the same, in order that he may have an Opportunity of procuring them authenticated by the several Collectors who have issued them.  
' *Ordered,* That Mr. Sheppard do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.'

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution,  
*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Swain, in the Words following :

*Resolved,*  
' **T**HAT the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to delay paying any Interest on Contractors or Surplus Certificates from the Date hereof, and on Loan-Office Certificates and other liquidated Debts of the United States, after the first Day of January next, until the further Order of the Legislature ;  
' *Ordered,* That Mr. Swain do carry the above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.'

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration,

*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein,

*Ordered,* That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council and acquainted the President that the House of Assembly had adjourned to the 15th Day of February next, to meet at Trenton.

Whereupon the Council adjourned to the same Time and Place.

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**B**Y Virtue of an Order of Council, I do appoint Isaac Collins to print these Journals.

WIL. LIVINGSTON, President.

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BEING THE SECOND SITTING OF THE TENTH SESSION.

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*Wednesday, February 15, 1786.*

The following Members met pursuant to Adjournment :

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,	
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. NEWBOLD,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. CLARK.

*Thursday, February 16, 1786.*

Present as before.

After Holmes, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council for the County of Monmouth, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Honourable William Newbold, Esquire, and took his Seat in Council.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, and proceeded to Business.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Blauvelt, dated Yesterday, in the Words following :

*Ordered,*

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Blauvelt do wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Members of the Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.’

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton in the County of Hunterdon, into a free City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of the City of Trenton; and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years,’ postponed to this Sitting; and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Vice-President and Mr. Ogden came into Council.

Jeremiah Eldredge, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council for the County of Cape-May, which was read, and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Honourable William Newbold, Esquire, and took his Seat in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries,’ postponed to this Sitting; and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, February 17, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. NEWBOLD,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. KITCHEL.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Hoops came into Council.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, February 18, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Nicoll, in the Words following:

‘ **M**R. Combs, from the Committee appointed on the 28th of November last, to enquire into the Validity of a Certificate given by Thompson Stelle, Esquire, a Commissioner to settle Militia Accounts, to John Hampton for upwards of £. 560, as Lieutenant in the Militia, in the County of Middlesex, and paid into the Treasury, reported as follows:’

‘ That



‘ That we have made Enquiry into the Matter, and find, by fundry Certificates from the Officers of the Battalion in which said Hampton must have served, that the said Hampton never did hold a Lieutenant’s Commission in the aforesaid Battalion, and of Course the said Certificate was fraudulently obtained.

‘ JOHN COMBS,  
‘ JAMES BONNEY.’

‘ The House having taken into Consideration the above Report,  
‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to bring an Action against said John Hampton, at the Suit of the State, for recovering the Amount of the Note to him given and paid into the Treasury, as mentioned in the said Report, and to prosecute the same to Effect.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution, with the Papers accompanying the same,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, February 20, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except the Governor.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Terhune, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved*,  
‘ **T**HAT the Auditor of Accounts be, and he hereby is authorized and required to issue, under his Signature, Notes similar as nearly as may be to the Militia Notes heretofore issued in this State, in Discharge of the Payrolls of Captain Matthew Freeman’s Company for their Services from the first Day of August 1780 to the first Day of January 1781, and from the third Day of July 1780 to the first Day of August following, deducting from the Sums respectively due to each Officer and Soldier as stated in said Payrolls the one fortieth Part, being the Part advanced in Cash to the said Company by Isaac Halfey, late Paymaster of the Militia.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Terhune do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries,’ was read a third Time ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,	

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

His Excellency the Governor came into Council.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Morning.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Garritte, in the Words following:

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Messrs. J. Smith, Sheppard and Sinnickson, be added to the Committee of this House, appointed at the last Sitting, finally to make a Settlement with John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer; and that Mr. Garritte do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint an additional Number of Members of their House to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.'

*Ordered,* That Mr. Holmes be added to the Committee appointed by this House at the last Sitting, for the Purpose mentioned in the foregoing Message; and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Commissioners, appointed on the 26th November last, to examine certain Certificates, made Report as follows:

**T**HAT having examined the Contractors and other Certificates delivered by the Committee of the Legislature to the Auditor, on the 16th November last, have separated and made a Registry of such as should be charged to the United States, and have examined the Contractors Certificates which were received in Payment of Taxes by John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, have endorsed, filed and registered them.

That among the said Certificates we find ten Papers containing Accounts against the United States, Appraisements of Things taken by the American Army, and Receipts given to the Persons who have furnished the said Army with Supplies, amount to £. 18 in Specie, and £. 1465 7 6 in Continental Currency, and one Surplus Certificate not signed by any Person for £. 108 Specie, which Papers we conceive to be improper Vouchers, and therefore have not registered, but lay them before the House for their Perusal and Direction.

They further represent, that among the said Certificates were intermixed Receipts from the several Contractors to the County Collectors, for Contractors Certificates by them received agreeably to Law, which Receipts it appears have been handed forward in Discharge of the Taxes due from the several Counties, and the Certificates yet remain in the Hands of the Contractors, the Propriety of their continuing with the Contractors your Commissioners submit to the Legislature; at the same Time suggesting it as their Opinion, that they ought to be brought forward and registered with those already on Hand, the more effectually to check the Accounts of the said Contractors. With the above Papers they found also a Number of Surplus Certificates, which they endorsed and filed.

Your Commissioners further beg Leave to report, that they have examined the Certificates lodged in the Auditor's Office by the present Treasurer and others; have separated, registered and filed such as ought to be charged to the United States; and registered, endorsed and filed the Contractors Certificates; and separated, filed and marked the Surplus Certificates, they having already been endorsed and signed by Samuel Tucker and James Ewing, Esquires.

BENJAMIN SMITH,  
MACKELL EWING, junior.'

With

With the foregoing Report the following Resolution was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Garritse :

‘ *Resolved*, That the Papers described in the second Paragraph of said Report be committed to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of Mr. John Stevens, jun. late Treasurer; and that the Contractors Receipts, mentioned in the above Report, be delivered to the Auditor of Accounts; and that he be directed immediately to write to the Superintendent of Purchases, requiring him, on or before the first Day of June next, to transmit or deliver to him all the Certificates in the Hands of the Contractors which they have received from the County Collectors; and that, upon receiving the said Certificates, the Auditor do deliver up to him the aforesaid Receipts; and that the Auditor, on receiving those Certificates, do register them in the Books provided by and in the Manner in which such Certificates have been registered by the above Commissioners.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Garritse do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, February 21, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Petition from Shepard Kollock, praying that he may be appointed Printer to the State, was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Combs, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the several Townships, in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire.’ A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves;’ which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Commissioners appointed in a Resolution of the 26th of November last, and also the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 20th Instant accompanying the same,

*Resolved*, That the House do approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, February 22, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Petition from the Honourable Robert Hoops, Esquire, setting forth, that the Legislature at their last Sitting, by their Resolution, ordered the Treasurer to give unto the said Mr. Hoops a Certificate, certifying that the State of New-Jersey

Jersey was indebted unto him in the Sum of £. 1305 4 6, which Certificate he has refused to accept on Account of his being dissatisfied with the Settlement of his Demand, and praying that the Legislature would direct the Attorney-General to enter the Appearance of the State to an Action to be by him instituted, whereby the Matter may be tried by a Jury of the Country, was read; whereupon it was moved, that the House go into the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Attorney-General of this State be authorized, and he hereby is directed, in case the said Robert Hoops, Esquire, should commence an Action for the Purpose mentioned in his said Petition, to enter the Appearance of this State to the said Action: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Randolph.
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,	
	Mr. Ogden.	

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do carry the said Resolution to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton in the County of Hunterdon, into a City; and for incorporating the same by the Name of the City of Trenton, and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Hoops.	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Holmes.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. Schuurman, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to vest in John Cafe, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton to one hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Schenck, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex and Somersfet,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Walton, in the Words following:

*Resolved*,  
**T**HAT the Resolution of this House of the 29th November last, and concurred in by Council the same Day, directing the Treasurer to delay paying Interest on certain Certificates therein described, be, and the same is hereby repealed so far only as it respects Loan-Office Certificates and other liquidated Debts of the United States.

*Ordered*,

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, February 23, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday.

The Petition of Ann Pemberton, Widow of Joseph Pemberton, late of the State of Maryland, setting forth, that her Husband died seized of certain Lands in this State, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable her to dispose of the said Lands for the Payment of his Debts, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex and Somerset,’ was read a second Time, and several Amendments made thereto, also an Amendment to the Title;

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates, of the County of Bergen, to sell, by publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in this State,’ and postponed to this Sitting; and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to vest in John Case, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton to one hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,’ was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent therein, the further Consideration thereof was postponed.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, February 24, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Petition from a Number of the Congregation of St. Mary’s Church, in the City of Burlington, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Charter of said Church, was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Mr. Newbold, pursuant to the above Leave, presented a Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend and confirm the Charter of  
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‘ the Episcopal Church called St. Mary’s, in the City of Burlington, in the State of New-Jersey,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex and Somerset,’ was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to vest in John Case, of the County of Sussex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton to one hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Sussex,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed without Amendment.

Mr. Newbold has Leave to Absence until Monday next.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten o’Clock, in order that the Committees may have Time to do their Business.

*Monday, February 27, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The Vice-President,

Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. MAYHEW,
Mr. KITCHEL,	Mr. HARING,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. S. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOOPS.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Newbold came into Council.

A Petition from James Parker and Bowes Reed, two of the Trustees appointed by the Legislature to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Will and Testament of Henry Cuyler the elder and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to dispose of that Part of the Estate held in common with the late Oliver Delancey, or any other Part of the Estate of Henry Cuyler the elder and Henry Cuyler the younger, that will most likely sell, was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted.

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The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the several Townships in the Counties of Middlefex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves;’ and, after some Time spent therein, the further Consideration thereof was postponed.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, February 28, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,’ and several Amendments were made thereto;

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,’ was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. S. Ogden.	

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Eldredge do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates of the County of Bergen to sell, by publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in this State,’ &c. was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Eldredge,	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. S. Ogden.	
Mr. Clark,		

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable the several Townships in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. S. Ogden,	Mr. Newbold,
Mr. Hoops.	Mr. Mayhew,
	Mr. Eldredge.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, March 1, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. M. Ogden.

Mr. Eldredge reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act incorporating the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State, for the Purpose of taking Titles for Lots of Land on which the Court-houses, Gaols and other publick Buildings, belonging to the said respective Counties, are now or may be hereafter erected,’ referred to this Sitting; and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Bunn, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex, Somerset and Morris,’ and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the House of Assembly with the Amendments made by this House; which re-engrossed Bill, having been read and compared,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said re-engrossed Bill.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Blair, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves;’ and acquainted this House that the House of Assembly agreed to all the Amendments made by this House except the last, and in that Respect adhere to their Bill: On the Question, Whether the House recede from the Amendment disagreed to by the House of Assembly? It was carried in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House recede from their Amendment disagreed to by the House of Assembly.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Blair, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence,



currence, a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,’ which was read, the Parties heard; and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, March 2, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Kelly, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the re-engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,’ and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the House of Assembly with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said re-engrossed Bill.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey, under certain Restrictions,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, March 3, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the following Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in the Congress of the United States:

‘To the Honourable Lambert Cadwalader, John Cleves-Symmes and Josiah Hornblower, Esquires, Delegates representing the State of New-Jersey in Congress.

‘GENTLEMEN,

‘**W**E, the Representatives of the State of New-Jersey in Council and Assembly met, think it a Duty we owe to our Constituents, particularly at the present Crisis, to apprise you of our Sentiments on certain Subjects of high publick Concern.

‘The Legislature of this State, early in the late Revolution, represented to Congress their Ideas on sundry Parts of the Confederation, and, among the Rest, on the general Subject of Commerce and Duties upon Trade. You ob-

‘ serve these entered on the Journals of the 25th of June 1778. At that Time the publick Debt was not an Object of so great Attention, otherwise doubtless it would have been first in their Thoughts upon the Appropriation of those Duties. When the Revenue-System of the 18th of April 1783 was passed in Congress, we were then in Hopes that our Situation, between two commercial States, would no longer operate to our Detriment; and that those States, and others in their Predicament, were at Length convinced of the selfish and palpable Injustice of subjecting others to their Exactions, and their applying those Exactions to the Augmentation of their respective private Revenues.

‘ The same contracted and destructive Policy that hath long subsisted still continues; and as we are convinced that neither the publick Credit can be supported, the publick Debt paid, or the Existence of the Union maintained, without the Impost-Revenue in some beneficial, effective Manner, it has become our Duty to instruct you,

‘ To vote against each and every Ordinance, Resolution and Proceeding whatsoever, which shall produce any Expence to New-Jersey, for the Promotion or Security of the Commerce of these States, or any of them, from which neither the Union in general, nor this State in particular, derives any Advantage, until all the States shall effectually and substantially adopt and carry into Execution the Impost above mentioned.

‘ You will see, by the above Representation, that the Legislature of this State have uniformly held the same Justice of Sentiment respecting the Vacant or Crown Lands, as they were formerly called, relative to which you are instructed,

‘ To vote against each and every Ordinance, Resolution and Proceeding whatsoever, which shall tend to charge this State with any Expence for acquiring, gaining Possession of, or defending such Territory claimed by, or which is to accrue to, the exclusive Benefit of any particular State or States, and not to the Union at large.

‘ The Legislature has beheld, with much Concern, Gratuities, Advances of Money, and partial Payments, made by Congress to importuning Creditors and others, not regulated by any general and equal System, which not only impoverish the Treasury, but produce Discontents, and furnish bad Precedents;

‘ You are therefore instructed not to assent to any such Payments, or to the Payment of any particular Debts, other than foreign Loans, in Preference to others of a like Nature, whereby a Discrimination of Creditors may take Place. It were well if the Publick could pay all promptly, but as that is impracticable, it is absolutely necessary to act upon settled uniform Plans in paying as far as the Revenue can extend.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Kitchel.		

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act incorporating the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State, for the Purpose of taking Titles for Tracts of Land on which the Courthouses, Gaols and other publick Buildings belonging to the said respective Counties are now, or hereafter may be erected,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Newbold.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. S. Ogden,	
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hoops.	

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, of the 18th last Month, relative to the authorizing the Auditor of Accounts to issue State Notes, similar as may be to the Militia Notes heretofore issued, in Discharge of the Payrolls of Captain Freeman’s Company, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Hoops reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Instructions to the Delegates of this State in Congress, sent from the House of Assembly for Concurrence,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Hoops has Leave to Absence until Monday Morning.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, March 4, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except Mr. Hoops.

Mr. Holmes has Leave of Absence until Tuesday next, on urgent Business.

Mr. Martin, pursuant to Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to

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‘ an Act, intitled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten o’Clock.

*Monday, March 6, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. NEWBOLD,	Mr. M. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. S. OGDEN.
Mr. KITCHEL,	

Moved by Mr. M. Ogden, and seconded by Mr. Newbold, that the Doors of this House be open for the Future.

The Consideration of the said Motion was postponed till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Governor withdrew from Council.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services:’ A Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States;’ which two several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House took into Consideration the Motion made by Mr. Ogden this Morning: On the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. S. Ogden.
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.	Mr. Martin,	

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, March 7, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Two Messages from the House of Assembly by Mr. Cooper, in the Words following:

‘ Ordered,

*Ordered,*

THAT Mr. Cooper do wait on the Council, and inform them that this House do not concur in the Resolution from Council of the 22d February last, authorizing the Attorney-General to enter the Appearance of the State to an Action to be instituted by the Honourable Robert Hoops.

*Resolved,* That Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, be allowed at the Rate of £. 150 per Annum for his Services in that Appointment the present Year, and also the Sum of £. 25, for hiring a Clerk to assist him, when he may find such Assistance necessary, and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham to the Treasurer of this State for the said Sums shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Cooper do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Cooper also brought to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Bergen, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services, was read a second Time, and an Amendment made thereto ;

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendment.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. T. Clark, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned ; and also to authorize the Surveyors of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay, in said County ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services, was read a third Time with the Amendment : On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Randolph.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. S. Ogden,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Hoops.	
Mr. Newbold,			

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendment.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden do carry the said Bill and Amendment to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendment.

Mr. M. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder and Henry Cuyler the

‘the younger, deceased,’ was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who ‘have been disabled in the Service of the United States,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, March 8, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. HARING,	Mr. ELDRIDGE,
Mr. M. OGDEN,	Mr. KITCHEL,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. S. OGDEN,
Mr. NEWBOLD,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. HOLMES.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act to make void ‘a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned; ‘and also to authorize the Surveyors of the Highways to stop or alter the Road ‘along Newark Bay, in said County;’ was read a second Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,
	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.
	Mr. Martin,		

*Ordered*, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Davis, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State ‘to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for ‘making Compensation for their Services,’ and acquainted this House that the House of Assembly disagree to the Amendment made by this House, and adhere to their Bill: On the Question, Whether the House will recede from their Amendment to the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior ‘Court of Common Pleas, and Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace,

‘in and for the County of Bergen,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Swain, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,’ and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the House of Assembly without Amendment.

The Bill, ‘intituled ‘An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Bergen,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, March 9, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, and the Vice-President.

Mr. Clark, with Leave of the House, presented a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-stealing,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Arnold, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House the three following Bills for their Concurrence: A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.’ A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned.’ A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire;’ which three several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-stealing,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Hall, in the Words following:  
**A** LETTER from the Treasurer was presented to the House and read, informing that, upon receiving the Final-Settlement Notes remaining in the Hands of the regimental Agents, agreeably to the Directions of the Law lately passed for that Purpose, he finds John Peck, one of said Agents, hath received one Year’s Interest on most of the Notes remaining in his Hands, which he is willing to discount in Part of the Allowance made to him by the Legislature; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the said Notes, and deduct out of the Allowance made to said Peck the Sums he may have received  
 ‘for

‘ for Interest as aforesaid ; and that, upon the Application for the said Notes by  
 ‘ the respective Proprietors thereof, the said Treasurer be, and is hereby autho-  
 ‘ rized and directed to deliver said Notes, and also pay to the said Proprietors  
 ‘ the Interest which hath been received as aforesaid by the said John Peck on  
 ‘ the same.

‘ *Ordered*, That the said Resolution be carried to Council by Mr. Hall for  
 ‘ Concurrence.’

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution,  
*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and ac-  
 quaint them therewith.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, March 10, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Petition from a Number of the Citizens of this State, praying a Law  
 may pass whereby an Impost may be laid on Merchandize imported into this  
 State from the neighbouring States, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually  
 ‘ preventing Horse-stealing,’ was read and compared: On the Question, Whe-  
 ‘ ther the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and  
 request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Whilden, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for  
 Concurrence, the two following Bills: ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An  
 ‘ Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law:’ A  
 Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will and Testament  
 ‘ of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses  
 ‘ and Lots of Land, agreeably to Contract entered into by said Norcross;’ which  
 two several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House went into reading Petitions for and against the Emission of Paper  
 Currency.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met,

And proceeded in reading Petitions for and against Paper Money.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, March 11, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for  
 their Concurrence, the three following Bills: A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to in-  
 ‘ corporate certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation  
 ‘ in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof:’ A Bill, intituled,  
 ‘ An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provoost, late of the City of New-  
 ‘ York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees for the Purpose of making  
 ‘ Sale



‘ Sale thereof, and of applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased :’ A Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Bank, Dam and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear ;’ which three several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Houghton, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE Auditor of Accounts having certified to the Legislature that in settling the Payrolls exhibited by Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster to the Militia, in the County of Burlington, the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence, was through Error deducted out of said Fenimore’s Accounts more than ought to have been ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the said Benjamin Fenimore be credited the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence, in Part of the Balance due from him to this State.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Houghton do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

Mr. Lambert, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House, that the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-stealing,’ was rejected by that House.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met,

And proceeded with the Petitions for and against Paper Money.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, March 13, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except Mr. Hoops.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House proceeded with the Petitions for and against Paper Money.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Governor withdrew from Council.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire,’ was read a third Time : On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Newbold,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mayhew.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden.	

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House went through the Petitions for and against Paper Money.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provoost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, March 14, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday.

On Motion of Mr. Kitchel, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the following Motion should be entered on the Journals, to wit,

Sundry Petitions and Remonstrances from the Inhabitants of this State, setting forth the great Distress occasioned for Want of a circulating Medium to pay Debts and Taxes demanded by Sheriffs and Constables, and requesting that Money may be emitted agreeable to the former Loan, or some other Way, agreeable to the Wisdom of the Legislature, were read: On the Question, Whether the said Petitioners requested Money with a lawful Tender on the same? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. S. Ogden.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Clark,	
Mr. Martin,			

On the Question, it was carried for putting the same on the Journals as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. S. Ogden.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Clark,	
Mr. Martin,			

Mr. M. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Hooper, moved that the Number of Petitioners, under their different Heads, as arranged by Council, be entered on the Journals: On the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden.	Mr. Kitchel.

Loan-Office on former Principles without a Tender, 1348.	Loan-Office with a Tender, 4684.	Revenue, 391.	Revenue with a Tender, 535.	Against Paper Money of any Kind, 2925.	Circulating Medium without a Tender, 101.	Circulating Medium with a Tender, 233.
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The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Starke, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date the 26th Day of April, 1783, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.’ On the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. S. Ogden.

The Votes being equal, the President gave his Vote in the Affirmative.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purpose therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, March 15, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Cook, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved,*  
**T**HAT the Treasurer for this State be, and he is hereby directed to receive from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, the Bills of Credit of the 9th of June, 1780, and of the 9th January, 1781, in Discharge of the Balance due from him to the State, or such Part thereof as he may choose to pay in the said Bills in the Proportion in which they are made payable in the Treasury by the Act, intituled, “ An Act for raising the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State.”

‘ *Ordered,* That Mr. Cook do carry the above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Arnold, in the Words following :

‘ **A**PETITION from Samuel Meeker, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffex, praying an Indemnification for certain Losses by him sustained in the due Administration of his Office, was read; and the House judging the same to be reasonable and just, therefore,

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to pay unto the said Samuel Meeker the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eight-pence, to indemnify him for the Damage and Costs sustained in an Action brought by James Sprowl against Noadiah Wade, for which the said Meeker, as Commissioner of forfeited Estates, is accountable to the said Wade.

‘ *Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Arnold do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration,  
*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, the Bills of Credit of the 9th June, 1780, and of the 9th January, 1781, in Discharge of the Balance due from him to the State, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Eldredge reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Day.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purpose therein mentioned,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. S. Ogden.	Mr. Newbold,
Mr. Clark,		Mr. Mayhew,
		Mr. Eldredge.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provooft, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Hoops came into Council.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Morning.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Holmes,		Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,
		Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. Hoops reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to amend and confirm the Charter of the Episcopal Church called St. Mary’s, in the City of Burlington, in the State of New-Jersey,’ was read a second Time, and also the Petitions for and against the Amendment of the said Charter; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Parties be heard before the House on Tuesday next.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Bowen, in the Words following:

‘ **T**HE Auditor appeared in the House, and reported the State of sundry Accounts, by which it appears, that the Account of Jesse Hand, Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of Cape-May, ought to stand balanced; to which the House agreed.

‘ That there is due from the State to David Olden, Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of Middlesex, in State Securities, the Sum of £. 604 6 6.

‘ That there is a Balance due the State Agent for sequestered Estates in the County of Middlesex, of £. 8 16 10 Specie.

‘ From James Ewing, Moore Furman and Conrad Kotts, £. 0 8 9 Specie.

‘ From Abraham Brewer, Paymaster of the Militia in the County of Bergen, £. 189 5 6 State Money.

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to collect the above Balances due the State.

‘ That there is due from the State to William Tucker, late Barrackmaster, Trenton, the Sum of £. 1 5 8 Specie.

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer do discharge the same.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the Accounts above referred to and the above Resolutions to Council for their Concurrence.’

Mr. S. Ogden, from the Committee appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, informed the House he was ready to make Report whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be made immediately; whereupon,

Mr. Ogden read the said Report, and delivered the same at the Table, as follows:

**T**HE Committee of both Houses, appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, report,

That a final Adjustment of the Accounts directed to be settled by your Committee cannot, at present, be accomplished for the following Reasons:

A Number of Orders have been drawn by the late Treasurer on different Collectors, the Payment whereof this State has, by a Resolution of both Houses, assumed; that some of these are yet out-standing, the Amount of which, as it is not ascertained, cannot by your Committee be charged against the said Mr. Stevens, until they are produced in the Treasury for Payment.

The unsigned Certificates, described in the Report of a Committee the 16th November last, have been delivered by the Auditor into the Hands of Mr. Stevens, and their Authenticity has not yet been proven. Some of the Papers, committed to your Committee the 20th of February last, are not authenticated;

and the Validity of others must, in the Opinion of your Committee, depend on the Authority the Persons signing them might have had to issue Certificates, and which must be submitted to the Commissioner appointed to settle the Accounts of this with the United States.

Your Committee therefore, not having the Means of investigating the preceding

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DR. JOHN STEVENS, junior, late—

To Amount of Orders, drawn by John Stevens, junior,  
late Treasurer, on the County Collectors, which have  
been received by the present Treasurer, £. 19,642 11 10

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£. 19,642 11 10

ceding Articles with Certainty and Precision, submit them to the farther Direction of the Legislature, and have proceeded to settle the Balance now due to the State from the said Mr. Stevens, on Accounts hitherto unsettled, including such Orders, above alluded to, as have been received in the Treasury, and are of Opinion the same ought to stand as follows :

—Treasurer to the State of New-Jersey,	CR.
By Balance, reported in the Treasurer's Favour, December 23, 1783,	£. 11,507 13 8½
By the following Orders and Payments made by the late Treasurer previous to the above Settlement, and for which he was not credited, viz.	
An Order in Favour of Abraham Brewer, Paymaster of the Militia of Bergen,	£. 2429 7 6
An Order in Favour of Peter Covenhoven, Paymaster of the Militia of Monmouth,	110 12 2
An Order in Favour of Ditto,	37 10 0
An Order on Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of Bergen, in Favour of Colonel Azariah Dunham, for £. 48,000 Continental Currency, for which Order it appears said Vanderbeek has been heretofore credited by said Stevens in the Payment of the Quota of said County of Tax due April 1, 1780,	1200 0 0
Cash paid by Henry Garritse, jun. late Collector of Essex, on an Order drawn on the Collector of Essex, in Favour of Daniel Marsh, for £. 179 3 4, for which it appears said Garritse has been credited by said Stevens,	51 12 1
Cash paid on fundry Warrants, as appears by Endorsements thereon, amounting to,	236 18 5
	<hr/> 4066 0 2
	<hr/> £. 15,573 13 10½
Balance which appears to have been due to the State Dec. 23, 1783, provided all the Orders he may have given as Treasurer, for which the State is answerable, have been brought into the Treasury,	<hr/> £. 4068 17 11½
	<hr/> £. 19,642 11 10

DR.

JOHN STEVENS, junior, late—

To the Balance, as above stated, due Dec. 23, 1783,	£. 4068 17 11½
To Interest thereon to 10th March, 1786,	623 0 10

£. 4691 18 9¼

Your Committee farther report, that in the Credit allowed Mr. Stevens, in the preceding Account, is included an Order drawn by said Stevens on Isaac Vanderbeek, Collector of the County of Bergen, in Favour of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, Superintendent of Purchases, for £. 48,000 Continental Currency, which Order has been received by the present Treasurer in Discharge of Arrears of Fines and Taxes due from said County: But it appearing to the Satisfaction of your Committee, and of the said Vanderbeek, that the said Order has been previously credited to the said County by Mr. Stevens; that there is also credited, in the above Account, the Sum of £. 51 12 1, credited by said Stevens to Henry Garritse, Collector of the County of Essex, on an Order drawn on said Garritse in Favour of Daniel Marsh, Esq. for £. 179 3 4, which has also been credited by the present Treasurer; your Committee therefore submit to the House the Propriety of admitting the Charges made by Mr. Stevens for the Credit he has given on the above Orders.

March 11, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

SAMUEL OGDEN,  
ELLIS COOK.*Resolved*, That the House approve of the foregoing Report.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Bowen, in the Words following:

‘THE Report of Mr. Cook, from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, jun. reported to this House on Saturday last, was read a second Time, and agreed to by the House.

‘And whereas the Order drawn by John Stevens, Esquire, late Treasurer, in Favour of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, on Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector for Bergen County, for £. 48,000 Continental Money, dated March 17, 1780, has been received by James Mott, Esquire, present Treasurer, and credited to the Account of the said County of Bergen, and charged to the Account of the said John Stevens, Esquire, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature, passed December 23, 1783; and as it appears, on the Examination of the Accounts of the said John Stevens and Isaac Vanderbeek, the County of Bergen has been credited for the said Sum in the Year 1780, on issuing of the said Order,

‘ *Resolved*,



—Treasurer of the State of New-Jersey,					Cr.
By Cash paid the present Treasurer June 5,					
1784, - - -	£.	102	0	2,	
By Interest thereon to March 10, 1786, one					
Year and nine Months, - - -		12	9	9	
		<hr/>			114 9 11½
By Ditto paid Ditto January 3, 1786, -		734	0	0	
By Interest thereon to March 10, 1786, -		9	12	7	
		<hr/>			743 12 7
By Ditto paid Ditto February 27, 1786, -		530	7	9	
By Interest thereon to 10th March, 1786, -		1	5	6	
		<hr/>			531 13 3
		<hr/>			£. 1389 15 9½
Balance due to the State March 10, 1786, -					3302 3 0
		<hr/>			£. 4691 18 9½
March 11, 1786.					

By Order of the Committees,

SAMUEL OGDEN,  
ELLIS COOK.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer for the Time being be hereby directed to charge the said County of Bergen with the Amount of the said Order, viz. £. 5564 1 1 on Account of Fines, and £. 42,435 18 11 on Account of Taxes, making in the Whole £. 48,000 in Continental Money, or so much thereof as shall appear to be due, and that the Accounts stand in the same Manner as they were previous to the Receipt of the said Order; and that the Sum of £. 51 12 1, which is in the same Situation, be in like Manner charged to the County of Essex.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the foregoing Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, March 16, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Sheppard, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House that the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Security, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was rejected by that House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April, 1783, belong to

‘to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Burgin, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Dam and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land agreeable to Contract entered into by said Norcross,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date the 26th Day of April, 1783, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land agreeable to Contract entered into by said Norcross,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Dam and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Hankinson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat, by him lately invented, for a limited Time:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esq. to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased;' which two several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, March 17, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Beardlee, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the three following Bills: A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the Amount of Twelve Pounds:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same;' which three several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat, by him lately invented, for a limited Time,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Longstreet, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Bill: 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties in this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday,*

*Saturday, March 18, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Hoops has Leave of Absence until Monday next.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat, by him lately invented, for a limited Time,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the three foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Terhune, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Bill and Warrants: A Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading. A Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade in Lieu of one given to her dated March 16, 1780: A Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck: A Warrant in Favour of Lydia Whitlock in Lieu of one given to her dated September 29, 1780: A Warrant in Favour of Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs: And a Warrant in Favour of Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel;—entitling them severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands’ Half-pay.

Mr. M. Ogden, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to revive and to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the Amount of Twelve Pounds,’ was read a second Time, and Amendments made thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

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The House met.

Mr. Newbold and Mr. Holmes absent.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intitled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the Amount of Twelve Pounds,’ was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. S. Ogden.	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hooper,		

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Near Con.*

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House on this Day.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Blauvelt, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS the Legislature, at the Time of passing the Act, intitled ‘ An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,” intended the said Act, and the Compensation therein made, to extend only to John Blair and John Peck, the two Agents appointed to settle with the Regiments of this State, and not to Agents of any separate Corps of the Army; in order therefore to remove any Doubts which may arise by other Claims,

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be required to make Payment of the Compensation allowed by said Act to no other Agents than the two Persons above named.

‘ *Ordered,* That Mr. Blauvelt do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, March 20, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. HARING,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. S. OGDEN,	Mr. M. OGDEN,
Mr. HOOPS,	Mr. KITCHEL.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Nicoll, in the Words following:

**W**HEREAS it hath been represented to the Legislature, that there is due from this State a Note or Notes for Depreciation of Pay given to Major-General Lord Stirling, deceased, upon which Interest hath been demanded of the Treasurer; that Lord Stirling owes, and was bound to this State by a Bond secured by Mortgage to a larger Amount than the Note or Notes of Depreciation, which Bond remains unpaid; whereupon,

‘*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to forbear paying any Money on the above-said Note or Notes, until the Bond given by Lord Stirling to this State shall be fully discharged; and that the said Treasurer do accept said Note or Notes in Part of Payment of said Bond.

‘*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.’

The Council having taken into Consideration the following Warrants, with the Papers accompanying the same, sent from the House of Assembly for Concurrence: A Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade in Lieu of one given to her dated March 16, 1780: A Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck: A Warrant in Favour of Lydia Whitlock in Lieu of one given to her dated September 29, 1780: A Warrant in Favour of Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs: And a Warrant in Favour of Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel—entitling them severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands’ Half-pay.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Warrants.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Accounts reported by the Auditor, and also the Resolution accompanying the same,

*Resolved*, That the House do approve of the Statement of the said Accounts, and concur in the Resolution accompanying the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to forbear paying any Money on Notes belonging to the Estate of Lord Stirling, until a Bond given by said Lord Stirling in his Lifetime to this State is discharged, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. M. Ogden, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Holmes came into Council.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Marsh, in the Words following :

‘ Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. R. S. Smith, the Committee to whom was referred the Message from His Excellency the Governor of the 14th Instant, reported as follows :

‘ **T**HAT the Matter recommended in His Excellency’s Letter, and the several Papers accompanying the same, requires the Attention of the Legislature, and thereupon submit the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved*, That the Legislature, in Joint-Meeting of both Houses, will appoint Commissioners who, or any one of whom, shall meet such Commissioners as may be appointed by the other States in the Union at a Time and Place to be agreed on, to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States ; to examine the relative Situation and Trade of the said States ; to consider how far an uniform System in their commercial Regulations and other important Matters may be necessary to their common Interest and permanent Harmony ; and to report to the several States such an Act relative to this great Object, as, when unanimously ratified by them, will enable the United States in Congress assembled effectually to provide for the Exigencies of the Union ; which being read, was unanimously agreed to.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Marsh do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

Mr. Marsh also brought to this House the following Message :

‘ **M**R. Bunn, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such publick Accounts as might be referred to them this Sitting of the Legislature, reported that there was due to the several Persons under named the Sums annexed to their several Names :

‘ To Daniel Marsh, Esquire, for the Administrators of David Craig, deceased, for Medicine and Attendance for the Men under the Command of Captain Matthew Freeman, when on Duty at Woodbridge in the Month of August 1780, £. 12 17 0.

‘ To Elizabeth Smith, Widow of Robert Smith, for his signing £. 105,088 10, in Pursuance of the Loan-Office Act, passed 1774, wherein he was authorized to receive £. 60 for signing £. 125,000 of the Loan-Office Bills, £. 50 0 0.

‘ By Order of the Committee,

‘ ELIJAH CLARK,  
‘ EDWARD BUNN.

‘ The House having considered said Report,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Persons above named the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Marsh do carry the above Report and Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.’

Mr. Combs, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House, the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,’ and acquainted this House that the said Bill was passed by the House of Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by this House ; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said re-engrossed Bill.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port,' was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. S. Ogden,	Mr. Randolph.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Hoops.	
Mr. Clark,			

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to crediting the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence to Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster of the Militia in the County of Burlington, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to charge the County of Bergen with £. 48,000 Continental Money, and the County of Essex with £. 51 12 1, having been credited to them twice, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to requesting the Treasurer to make Payment of the Compensation allowed by an Act of the Legislature to no other Persons than John Blair and John Peck, Agents to the Regiments of this State,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Eldredge reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, March 21, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Garritse, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to appointing Commissioners to meet Commissioners to be appointed by the other States to examine the relative Situation and Trade of the said States, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Schuurman, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, ‘An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devises in Wills and Testaments, and ‘to limit Estates in Tail;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. S. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain ‘the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate ‘the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan’s Court ‘in the several Counties of this State,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Bonney, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors; ‘confined in Gaol in the several Counties of this State, upon the Conditions ‘therein mentioned;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement ‘to the Act, intituled, An Act to amend and confirm the Charter of the Episcopal Church, called St. Mary’s, in the City of Burlington, in the State of New-Jersey;’ the Parties heard, and the further Consideration thereof postponed until the next Sitting.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday, March 22, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Bunn, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Warrants: A Warrant in Favour of Martha Hathaway in Lieu of one given to her dated June 17, 1780; and a Warrant in Favour of Deborah Minthorn, Widow of William Minthorn, entitling her to receive the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-pay.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee on publick Accounts, with the Resolution from the House of Assembly accompanying the same,

*Resolved*, That the House approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.

Nays.

Nays.

Mr. Haring,

Mr. Newbold,

Mr. Holmes,

Mr. S. Ogden,

Mr. M. Ogden,

Mr. Clark,

Mr. Eldredge,

Mr. Hoops.

Mr. Randolph,

Mr. Mayhew,

Mr. Kitchel,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Hooper.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Blair, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House that the Bill, intitled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was rejected by that House.

Mr. Kelley, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Manington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into the said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to allowing Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, at the Rate of £. 150 per Annum, and £. 25 for a Clerk, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do not concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' was read a second Time, and debated.

Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kitchel, moved the following Amendment to said Bill: That the Legislature in Future should sit at Brunswick and Burlington alternately: On the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Nays.

Mr. Haring,

Mr. Newbold,

Mr. Randolph,

Mr. Clark,

Mr. Holmes,

Mr. Mayhew,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Eldredge,

Mr. Kitchel,

Mr. Hooper,

Mr. M. Ogden.

Mr. S. Ogden,

Mr. Hoops.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. S. Ogden.	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Newbold,		

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Hoops reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Morning.

The Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan’s Court in the several Counties of this State,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devices in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,’ and made several Amendments thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Walton, in the Words following :

‘**W**HEREAS the Mode for Contractors to transmit the Certificates in their Possession into the Treasury, directed by a Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, and concurred in by Council, will probably be attended with Difficulty and Delay; and it being necessary that the State should be possessed of the same, therefore,

‘*Resolved*, That the Auditor be, and he hereby is directed to procure the said Certificates from the several Contractors by sending a Person or Persons duly authorized to demand the same; and the respective Contractors are hereby required to deliver the Certificates aforesaid to the Person thus authorized, on a Tender of his Receipt deposited by the County Collector in the Treasury; and that the Auditor be authorized to draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding £. 30, to defray the Expence thereof, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure of so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Blair, in the Words following :

‘**W**HEREAS a Warrant of the 16th of March, 1780, was granted to Elizabeth Horton, Widow of Doctor Jonathan Horton, deceased, for her said Husband’s Half-pay; and a Warrant of the 21st December, 1781, was

‘ was granted to Catharine Piatt, Widow of Major Daniel Piatt, deceased, for her said Husband’s Half-pay ; and also a Warrant of the 6th December, 1781, was granted to Rachel Shores, Widow of Peleg Shores, deceased, a late Soldier in Colonel Wind’s Regiment, for her said Husband’s Half-pay—upon which Warrants, especially the first, large Sums of Money from Time to Time have been paid ; and it now appearing, that the said Horton, Piatt and Shores died by Sickness, and not in consequence of any Wounds they received in the Service or otherwise, in such a Manner as to entitle their Widows, or either of them, to the Half-pay of their deceased Husbands ; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That the aforefaid Warrants to Elizabeth Horton, Catharine Piatt and Rachel Shores, be, and they and each of them are hereby revoked and made void.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Blair do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Walton, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE Memorial of John Sparks was read a second Time, and it appearing that said Sparks stands charged in the Auditor’s Office with a Balance due to this State in the Sum of £. 42 0 8 ; and it also appearing that said Sparks, encouraged thereto by the House of Assembly at that Time, had expended Part of the publick Money, then in his Hands, in purchasing Forage for the Army at the Time they were in great Distress for Want of the same, for which Expenditure the said Sparks received Publick Securities ; whereupon,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to receive of said John Sparks Publick Securities to the Amount of the above Balance, upon his paying the Cost accrued on a Prosecution against him at the Suit of the State ; and that said Sparks, upon such Payment, be discharged of the above-said Balance.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

Mr. Walton also brought to this House the following Message :

‘ **T**HIS House taking into Consideration, that when they passed the Act for the Support of Government, from November 1784 to November 1785, it was the Expectation of the Legislature, that the Congress of the United States would have continued at Trenton, and that, in Consideration thereof, they allowed the Delegates of this State Three Dollars per Day ; but that Honourable Body having, on the Day after the passing of that Act, resolved, that they would remove to New-York, where our Delegates were obliged to attend at a much greater Expence than was expected ; therefore,

‘ *Resolved*, That each of them be allowed the additional Sum of One Dollar per Day for each Day they attended during the Appointment, which the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay ; and their or either of their Receipts for the same shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts with the State.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, March 23, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for regulating

‘ lating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,’ was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Newbold do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. R. S. Smith, in the Words following:

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ **T**HAT Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, be allowed at the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum, for his Services in that Appointment the present Year, and also such a Sum, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as he may expend for hiring a Clerk whenever he may find such Assistance necessary; and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham to the Treasurer of the State for the Sums he may charge, not exceeding the Sums aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,* That Mr. R. S. Smith do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.’

Mr. M. Ogden, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson’s River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinack; and to the supplementary Act thereto; and for increasing and extending the Power of the Trustees;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,’ was read a second Time, and several Amendments made thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third Time.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same;’ which was read: On the Question, Whether the said Bill should be read a second Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hoops.
		Mr. Mayhew,	

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. M. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the several Counties of this State, upon the Conditions therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Martin,		Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,
		Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. J. Smith, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law;' and the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congresses of the United States;' and acquainted this House that the House disagreed to the Amendments made by this House to the said Bills: On the Question, Whether the House will recede from the Amendments made to the said Bills, and disagreed to by the House of Assembly? It was carried in the Negative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. J. Smith, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors' and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Manington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into the said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose;' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devices in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Newbold.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. S. Ogden.	

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,' was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Hooper.	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Martin,			

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Cooper, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants in the Township of Manington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. T. Clark, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, 'An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,' which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' was read a second Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. S. Ogden.	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hoops.
		Mr. Mayhew,	

*Ordered*, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,	Mr. Mayhew.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Hoops.	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hooper,		

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,' was read a second and third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Day.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. Davis, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House, the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of 'Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of 'Debts,' and acquainted this House that the same was passed by that House with the Amendments made thereto by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil 'Causes for a limited Time;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading. The said Bill was read a second Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Martin.	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Hoops.
	Mr. Clark,		

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to repealing a Resolution of the Legislature of the 29th of November last, directing the Treasurer to delay paying Interest on certain Certificates, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Warrants in Favour of Martha Hathaway and Deborah Minthorn, entitling them to draw their late Husbands Half-Pay;

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Warrants.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Auditor to procure from the Contractors Certificates by sending a Person to demand the same;

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to revoking certain Warrants given to Elizabeth Horton, Catharine Piatt and Rachel Shores, &c. the further Consideration thereof was postponed until next Sitting.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Sparks Publick Securities, &c.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to allowing the Delegates to Congress, in the Year 1785, One Dollar per Day in Addition, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to allowing Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, £. 150 per Annum, and £. 50 for a Clerk, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. J. Smith, in the Words following :

**T**HE Memorial of Daniel Ellis, Attorney to the late Governor Franklin, and of Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, Executors of the Last Will of William Skeels, deceased, was read the second Time ; and it appearing that the Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Burlington, hath paid into the Treasury, for Rents received of the Estate of William Franklin, the Sum of £. 158 5 4, and of the Estate of William Skeels the Sum of £. 39 9 2, both of which Sums were paid in publick Securities. It farther appears that the said Agent had paid into the Treasury the Sum of £. 52 2 11 in Specie, received for Rents of both the aforefaid Estates, not ascertaining the Sum received from each ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman the aforefaid Sum of £. 52 2 11, to be divided by them, for each Estate, in such Proportion as shall appear by the Agent's Accounts were received from the respective Estates : And that the said Treasurer give unto the said Daniel Ellis a Certificate, certifying that the State of New-Jersey is indebted unto Daniel Ellis, Attorney to William Franklin, Esquire, the Sum of £. 158 5 4 ; and a like Certificate to Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of the Last Will of William Skeels, deceased, in the Sum of £. 39 9 2 ; and that the Auditor do counterfign the said Certificates ; which said Sums shall be respectively paid in Specie, or other current Money of this State, with Interest from the Date thereof at the Rate of Six per Cent per Annum. And that the aforefaid Agent, and also the late Commissioner of forfeited Estates in the County of Burlington, and each of them, are hereby required to render Account of all the Rents, Issues and Profits of the aforefaid Estates by them or either of them respectively received, unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, and pay all Monies yet remaining in their or either of their Hands of the Rents or other Profits received from said Estates respectively, and to assign to the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, of the Estates they are respectively authorized to receive, all Rents remaining unpaid, and other Demands which the said Agent or Commissioner, or either of them, by Law might or could have against any Person or Persons for Damages done on the aforefaid Estates or either of them.

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration,

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*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Sinnickson, in the Words following :

*Resolved*,

**T**HAT the Treasurer be directed to pay to each of the Commissioners, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States upon commercial and other Matters, the Sum of Four Dollars per Day for every Day they or either of them shall be employed in this Service, upon Accounts by them to be exhibited on Oath, certifying the Time they have been so employed; and that the said Treasurer do advance to each of the Commissioners, on their setting out, the Sum of One Hundred Dollars in Specie.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sinnickson do carry the above Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning seven o'Clock.

*Friday, March 24, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Starke, in the Words following :

*Resolved*,

**T**HAT the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to Silas Condict, Esquire, any Sum he may find necessary, not exceeding Forty Pounds, for hiring a Clerk to assist him in transacting the Business to which he is appointed; to account for the Appropriation of the said Sum in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the above Resolution to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council, and acquainted the President that the House of Assembly had rose sine Die.

Whereupon the Council rose likewise sine Die.

**B**Y Virtue of an Order of Council, I appoint Isaac Collins to print these Journals.

WIL. LIVINGSTON, President.

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BEING THE THIRD SITTING OF THE TENTH SESSION.

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STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

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*Wednesday, May 17, 1786.*

**T**HE House met at New-Brunswick pursuant to Notice from the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,  
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. S. OGDEN,	Mr. MARTIN,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. NEWBOLD,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. MAYHEW,	

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, May 18, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. M. Ogden.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Nicoll, in the Words following :

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Nicoll do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day met, and proceeded to Business.'

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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The House met.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, May 19, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. Kitchel.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Eldredge and Mr. Clark came into Council.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, May 20, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel, Mr. M. Ogden and Mr. Martin, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in free Conference on the following Subjects, to wit,

The late Requisition of Congress; the Fulfilment of our publick Engagements; the making Provision for the Payment of Interest on the State Debts, in order to do Justice to State Creditors, and to restore publick Credit; and the adopting Measures to raise a Revenue by Impost and Excise, in order to make Taxation more equal by releasing the Landholder in placing the Burden on Superfluities; and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for the said Purposes, to meet at the House of Mr. Drake on Tuesday next at three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

*Monday, May 22, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. NEWBOLD,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. S. OGDEN,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. KITCHEL,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. M. OGDEN.
Mr. MARTIN,	

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Saturday.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Terhune, in the Words following:

‘THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of the 20th Instant, appointing a Committee to join a Committee of this House in a free Conference on the Subjects therein referred to;

‘*Ordered*, That Messrs. A. Clark, J. Smith, Starke, Schuurman and Sheppard, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee of this House

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‘ to meet the Committee of Council for the Purposes in the said Message expressed, at the Time and Place appointed; and that Mr. Terhune do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

Mr. Terhune also brought to this House for Concurrence a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Blauvelt, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, May 23, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, and an Amendment made thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendment.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning, in order that the Members might attend the Conference with the House of Assembly.

*Wednesday, May 24, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a third Time with the Amendment: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

*Ordered,* That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill and Amendment.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M. Ogden do carry the said Bill and Amendment to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendment.

Mr. Garritte, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Supplement to an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States:’ A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to alter Part of the Road called George’s Road, in the County of Middlesex, leading from New-Brunswick to Cranberry;’ which two several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

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*Thursday,*

*Thursday, May 25, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. Hoops.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to alter Part of the Road called George’s Road, ‘in the County of Middlesex, leading from New-Brunswick to Cranberry,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for striking and making current One Hundred ‘Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the ‘Mode for sinking the same,’ was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. M. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to alter Part of the Road called George’s Road, ‘in the County of Middlesex, leading from New-Brunswick to Cranberry,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Marsh, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Adam Green and John Hull of Hardwick, in the County of Suffex;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marsh also brought back to this House, from the House of Assembly, the re-engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol ‘in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the House of Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Vice-President do sign the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for ‘striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of ‘Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same;’ and, after some Time spent therein, the said Bill was ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Friday, May 26, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for the Relief of Adam Green and John Hull of ‘Hardwick, in the County of Suffex,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Combs, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of ‘Coppers in this State;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for striking and making current One Hundred ' Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the ' Mode for sinking the same,' was read a third Time : On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Randolph,	The V. President.	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Holmes,			

*Ordered,* That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Schuurman, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intitled, ' An Act for making ' Partition of a Tract of Land in Essex County, commonly called Ashfield's ' Tract:' A Bill, intitled, ' An Act to discourage the keeping of Dogs;' which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hoops has Leave of Absence until Monday next.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, May 27, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except Mr. Hoops.

The Vice-President has Leave of Absence until Monday next.

The House went into a Court of Errors.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee appointed on the 20th Instant to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly, acquainted the House he was ready to report whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered,* That the said Report be made immediately; whereupon,

Mr. Kitchel read the said Report in his Place, and delivered the same at the Table in the Words following :

**T**HE Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly report, that the said Joint-Committee have held several Conferences, and agreed to report to the respective Houses as follows :

1st, That it is the Opinion of the Committee a Tax of £. 10,419 15 0 be levied for the present Year, to be paid into the Treasury on or before the 20th Day of December next, and when received to be applied in Addition to the Revenue Money towards discharging the present Year's Interest on the Continental Debt due to the Citizens of this State, and that the Bills now in Circulation, called Revenue Bills, be made a legal Tender.

2d, That the confiscated Lands, and publick Barracks, in this State, be sold as soon as convenient towards discharging the State Debts; and that on such Sale Credit be given, and Payment in State Securities be made, at executing the

the Deeds, previous to the Purchasers taking Possession of the purchased Premises.

3d, That a Revenue be raised by an Impost and Excise.

By Order of the Committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL, Chairman.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock Monday Morning.

*Monday, May 29, 1786.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELDREDGE,	Mr. MAYHEW,
Mr. S. OGDEN,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. NEWBOLD,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. KITCHEL,	Mr. HOLMES.

The House went into a Court of Errors.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House went into a Court of Errors.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, May 30, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Bonney, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the three following Bills: A Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of poor and insolvent Debtors:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act more effectually to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State to call to Account County Collectors for Money and other publick Property by them received:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable Ann Pemberton, Widow and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits, of Joseph Pemberton, late of West River, in the State of Maryland, deceased, who was the eldest Son and Heir at Law to Israel Pemberton, late of the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, also deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts severally made by the same Israel Pemberton and Joseph Pemberton for the Sale of certain Lands in the County of Cumberland, in the State of New-Jersey;' which three several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House went into a Court of Errors.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House went into a Court of Errors.

The House adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Wednesday,*

*Wednesday, May 31, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. M. Orden.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,’ was read a second Time, and several Amendments made thereto.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments.

Mr. Kitchel, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to direct the Treasurer of this State in the Payment of Interest due from the United States to the Inhabitants of this State;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Walton, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for draining and making Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on Pequannock River, in the County of Morris, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,’ was read a second Time, and Amendments made thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third Time.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,’ was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Schenck, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for selling the Proprieties, Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Land, of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to, and vested in this State:’ A Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates, in the respective Counties of this State, to proceed to the Sale of said Estates, and to repeal an Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may become forfeited to, and vested in this State; to empower the said Agents to sell the Lands and publick Barracks belonging to this State, and to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State;’ which two several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable Ann Pemberton, Widow and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits, of Joseph Pemberton, late of West River, in the State of Maryland, deceased, &c. to fulfil certain Contracts made by Israel Pemberton and Joseph Pemberton for the Sale of certain Lands,’ &c. was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for making the Bills emitted by the Act,  
(C) intituled,

'intitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-three, and for appropriating the same, a legal Tender in this State,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' was read a third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Hoops.	Mr. Martin,	Mr. S. Ogden.
		Mr. Mayhew,	

*Ordered,* That Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to discourage the keeping of Dogs,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Eldredge has Leave of Absence for the Remainder of the Sitting.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, June 1, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except Mr. Eldredge.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for making the Bills emitted by the Act, intitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-three, and for appropriating the same, a legal Tender,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The said Bill was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. M. Ogden,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Newbold,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hoops.	Mr. S. Ogden.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable Ann Pemberton, Widow and Administratrix of Joseph Pemberton, late of West River, in the State of Maryland, deceased, &c. to fulfil certain Contracts made by Israel Pemberton and Joseph Pemberton for the Sale of certain Lands,' &c. was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

Mr. M. Ogden has Leave of Absence for the Sitting.

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The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Adam Green and John Hu  
‘ of Hardwick, in the County of Suffex,’ was read a third Time: On t  
Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nen  
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*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint  
them that the three foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amend  
ment.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to discourage the keeping of Dogs,’ was read  
third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass?

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Mayhew,	

Whereby it appears there were not seven Members present voting for the  
said Bill, and therefore the same did not pass into a Law.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint  
them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of poor insolvent Debtors,’ was  
read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Treasurer of this State in the Pay-  
‘ ment of Interest due from the United States to the Inhabitants of this State,’  
was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yef-  
terday.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Day.

Mr. Kelley, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House the re-  
engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Cop-  
‘ per in this State,’ and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the  
House of Assembly, with the Amendments made by this House; which re-  
engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for selling the Proprieties, Shares of Propriety,  
‘ and Rights to unlocated Lands, of Persons whose Estates have become for-  
‘ feited to, and vested in this State,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a  
third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for draining and making Partition of a certain  
‘ Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on Pequannock River, in the County of  
‘ Morris, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time,  
and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in  
‘ Essex County, commonly called Ashfield’s Tract,’ was read a second Time,  
and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the  
‘ Agents of forfeited Estates, in the respective Counties of this State, to pro-  
‘ ceed to the Sale of said Estates, and to repeal an Act to suspend the Sale of  
‘ Real Estates which have, or hereafter may become forfeited to, and vested in  
‘ this State; to empower the said Agents to sell the Land and publick Barracks  
‘ belonging to this State, and to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act for further  
‘ suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State,’ was read a second Time,  
and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act more effectually to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders, in the several Counties in this State, to call to Account County Collectors for Money, and other publick Property by them received,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of the 22d of March last, relative to revoking certain Warrants given to Elizabeth Horton, Catharine Piatt and Rachel Shores;

*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the said Resolution so far as respects Elizabeth Horton, and disagree to it in Respect to the two others.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to direct the Treasurer of this State in the Payment of Interest due from the United States to the Inhabitants of this State,' was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act more effectually to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders, in the several Counties in this State, to call to Account County Collectors for Money, and other publick Property by them received,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in Essex County, commonly called Ashfield's Tract,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Relief of poor and insolvent Debtors,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. S. Ogden,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hoops.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel.		
Mr. Newbold,			

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for selling the Proprieties, Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands, of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to, and vested in this State,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for draining and making Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on Pequannock River, in the County of Morris, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Agent of forfeited Estates, in the respective Counties of this State, to proceed to the Sale of the said Estates, and to repeal an Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates, &c. and to empower the said Agents to sell the Lands and publick Barracks belonging to this State,’ was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the foregoing six Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned until nine o’Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Friday, June 2, 1786.*

The House met—Present as before, except Mr. M. Ogden.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday.

Mr. Lambert, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to defray fundry incidental Charges;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The said Bill was read a second Time.

The said Bill was read a third Time: On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

*Ordered*, That the President do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Biddle, in the Words following:

‘ **M**R. Bunn, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such publick Accounts as might be referred to them during this Session, reported as follows:

‘ That there are due to Doctor Jacobus Hubbard, for fundry Medicines and Attendance to the Soldiers at Middletown, County of Monmouth, under the Command of Capt. Moses Shepard, as per his Account dated 1781, £. 3 0 0

‘ To John Burrowes, late Sheriff of Monmouth, for removing and guarding State Prisoners, 13 11 9

‘ To Henry Denny, for Nursing, Board, and Loss of Time while confined with a Wound received in the Service of the United

‘ States, 19 2 6

‘ By Order of the Committee,

‘ ELISHA CLARK,

‘ EDWARD BUNN.

‘ The House having taken the said Report into Consideration,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to the Persons therein named the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said Accounts, and the above Resolution, to Council for Concurrence.’

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Report and Resolution,

*Resolved*, That the House do approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The two following Messages were received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Houghton :

*Resolved*,

**T**HAT the Treasurer do pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, such Sum, not exceeding Ninety Pounds, lawful Money, as he may require for an additional Clerk to assist him in preparing the Accounts of this State for Settlement with the Commissioner appointed on the Behalf of the United States ; and that the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer, for the Expenditure thereof, in the Settlement of his Account.

*Resolved*,

**T**HAT Moore Furman and John Beatty, Esquires, or either of them, be, and they hereby are appointed, authorized and empowered, together with the Auditor of this State, for the Time being, to settle the Accounts between this State and the United States ; that they proceed on this Business as soon as the Commissioner can attend on the same ; and that said Moore Furman and John Beatty, Esquires, be allowed Fifteen Shillings per Day each for every Day they shall attend upon said Business, which the Treasurer is directed to pay upon their producing an Account thereof upon Oath, and their Receipts for the same shall be a sufficient Voucher for the Payment of so much Money.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Houghton do carry the said Resolutions to Council for Concurrence.

*Resolved*,

**T**HAT the Treasurer pay to the Chief-Justice, for the Time being, in Addition to the Salary annexed to his Office by the Act ascertaining the Salaries of Government for the present Year, any Sum at the Rate of Fifty Pounds per Annum, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer, for so much of the publick Money in his Hands, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Houghton do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The Council having taken the three foregoing Resolutions into Consideration, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Hoops reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council, and acquainted the President that the House of Assembly had rose sine die.

Whereupon the Council rose sine die likewise.

**B**Y Virtue of an Order of Council, I appoint Isaac Collins to print these Journals.

WIL. LIVINGSTON, President.









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